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To: RUEADWW/ ☐ The President ☐ The Vice President ☐ White House Situation Room  
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Classification: ☐ Top Secret  
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☒ Unclassified

Subject (Text begins next page):

Unknown Subject; Russell Charles Means - Victim,  
 John Thomas - Victim; CIR-ADW

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## GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

5/5/76

Attached pertains to a new Crime on Indian Reservation - Assault case involving victims Russell Charles Means and John Thomas. At approximately 4:45 a.m., EST, 5/5/76 American Indian Movement (AIM) leaders Russell Means and John Thomas were reported shot on the Yankton Indian Reservation, Wagner, South Dakota, by unidentified assailants. Thomas is reported as the National AIM Public Relations Man. Both victims taken to a hospital where their condition is unknown at this time. Thomas is the more seriously injured having been shot several times in the face and body. Means reportedly shot once in the chest area.

Initial reports indicate both victims were in attendance at an AIM meeting on Yankton Reservation when an argument broke out among those in attendance resulting in the shooting incident. Investigation immediately instituted and 13 Special Agents have been sent to Wagner from the Rapid City Mini Office and Pierre RA.

ASAC Norman A. Zigrossi subsequently telephonically advised both victims reported in critical condition. Victims reportedly have furnished Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) with the names of four suspects, Bureau Fugitive Jimmy Weddel, Mike Weston, Terry Provost and Russell Turner. On the scene with the Special Agents are officers from the BIA and South Dakota Department of Criminal Investigations. ASAC Zigrossi stated FBI is in contact with William Janklow, the Attorney General of South Dakota. United States Attorney William Clayton, District of South Dakota, is enroute to scene to make determination concerning jurisdiction.

Initial information pertaining to the shooting only has been furnished to the Department and U. S. Marshals Service. Other interested Government agencies being advised.

1 - Mr. [redacted]  
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725AM URGENT MAY 5, 1976 WLN  
TO DIRECTOR, FBI  
SAC, MINNEAPOLIS  
SAC, PORTLAND

FROM ASAC, RAPID CITY (75-NEW)

ATTENTION: GENERAL CRIMES UNIT; GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION;

ATTN: JOHN E. GORDON.

UNSUB; RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS- VICTIM, JOHN THOMAS- VICTIM; CIR-

ASSAULT On 5/5/76, FBI Rapid City, So. Dakota advised as follows:

AT APPROXIMATELY 4:45 AM EST THIS DATE RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, AIM LEADER AND JOHN THOMAS, REPORTEDLY NATIONAL AIM PUBLIC RELATION, WERE SHOT ON THE YANKTON INDIAN RESERVATION, WAGNER, SOUTH DAKOTA BY UNIDENTIFIED ASSAILANTS. BOTH MEANS AND THOMAS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL WHERE THEIR CONDITION IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. THOMAS IS REPORTEDLY THE MORE SERIOUSLY INJURED HAVING BEEN SHOT SEVERAL TIMES IN THE FACE AND BODY. MEANS REPORTEDLY SHOT ONCE IN THE CHEST AREA.

INITIAL REPORTS INDICATE THAT MEANS AND THOMAS IN ATTENDANCE AT AIM MEETING ON YANKTON RESERVATION WHEN ARGUMENT BROKE OUT AMONG THOSE IN ATTENDANCE RESULTING IN SHOOTING INCIDENT.

INVESTIGATION IMMEDIATELY INSTITUTED AND 13 @ AGENT PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN SENT TO WAGNER, SOUTH DAKOTA FROM PIERRE RA AND RAPID CITY OFFICE.

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3:31 PM NITEL 6/29/76 SLR

TO : DIRECTOR (70-65273)

RAPID CITY (70-9926)

FROM: MINNEAPOLIS (70-9926)

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MEANS - VICTIM; JOHN W. THOMAS - VICTIM; CIR -BURGLARY; ADW;

OO: MINNEAPOLIS

REFERENCE MINNEAPOLIS URGENT TELETYPES TO THE BUREAU JUNE 27,

1976, CAPTIONED [REDACTED] EFP; EM-AIM,"

UNDER MINNEAPOLIS FILE 76-NEW.

ON JUNE 28, 1976, AUSA [REDACTED] SIOUX FALLS,

SOUTH DAKOTA, ADVISED THAT HE WOULD NOT AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF

ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER WARRANT AGAINST [REDACTED]

INASMUCH AS [REDACTED] WAS IN CUSTODY OF STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

AS THE TIME OF HIS ESCAPE. [REDACTED] ADVISED, HOWEVER, HE WOULD

REQUEST A WARRANT BE REISSUED BASED ON THE INDICTMENT RETURNED

BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY IN SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, IN 1975,

CHARGING [REDACTED] WITH TWO COUNTS OF ASSAULT WITH A DANGEROUS

WEAPON AND ONE COUNT OF BREAKING AND ENTERING. [REDACTED] ADVISED

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THAT THESE CHARGES ARE STILL OUTSTANDING IN CONNECTION WITH THE TAKEOVER OF YANKTON SIOUX INDUSTRIES, YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA, ON MAY 5, 1975.

ON JUNE 28, 1976, [REDACTED] U.S. DISTRICT COURT, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, ADVISED THAT THIS DATE AN ARREST WARRANT WAS ISSUED AND FILED WITH U.S. MARSHALLS, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, CHARGING [REDACTED] WITH TWO COUNTS OF ASSAULT WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON AND ONE COUNT OF BREAKING AND ENTERING IN VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, U.S. CODE, SECTION 1153. BOND RECOMMENDED \$25,000 CASH OR SURETY.

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT AUSA, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, HAS DECLINED TO AUTHORIZE ESCAPE FEDERAL PRISONER WARRANT AGAINST SUBJECT, MINNEAPOLIS IS CLOSING ITS 76 CASE AND WILL CONDUCT FUGITIVE INVESTIGATION UNDER ORIGINAL FILE, MINNEAPOLIS 70-9926.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

MINNEAPOLIS AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, WILL REVIEW SUBJECT'S RECORDS AT SOUTH DAKOTA STATE PENITENTIARY AND SET OUT LOGICIAL LEADS.

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SAC, PORTLAND

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7:05PM URGENT MAY 5, 1976 DCW

TO DIRECTOR OMAHA  
PORTLAND MINNEAPOLIS

FROM RAPID CITY (70-11609) (P)

ATTN: GID, INTD.

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RUSSELL MEANS

VICTIM; JOHN W. THOMAS - VICTIM, CIR - ADW, OO: RAPID CITY (MP).

TITLE MARKED CHANGED TO ADD NAMES OF SUBJECTS DEVELOPED THROUGH

INVESTIGATION. TITLE FORMERLY CARRIED AS:

UNSUB; RUSSELL MEANS - VICTIM; JOHN THOMAS - VICTIM. CIR - ADW.

RE RAPID CITY TLETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED MAY 5, 1976.

AT APPROXIMATELY 4:00 AM THIS DATE, RUSSELL MEANS AND JOHN

W. THOMAS, AIM LEADERS, WERE SHOT AND WOUNDED WHILE AT WAGNER

INDIAN HOUSING, WAGNER, SOUTH DAKOTA. MEANS WAS WOUNDED IN THE

UPPER BODY, THOMAS IN THE FACE AND NECK. BOTH MEN WERE SHOT WITH

WHAT APPEARS TO BE A SMALL CALIBER WEAPON.

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MEANS AND THOMAS UNDERWENT SURGERY, SACRED HEART HOSPITAL,

WANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA, WHERE MEANS IS CARRIED AS SATISFACTORY

AND THOMAS AS SERIOUS REGARDING THEIR CONDITION.

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MEANS' [REDACTED] AT THE HOSPITAL, HAS ADVISED RUSSELL WANTED TO TALK TO AN FBI AGENT PRIOR TO SURGERY RE THE SHOOTING. AGENTS ARE STANDING BY AT THE HOSPITAL TO INTERVIEW MEANS WHEN PHYSICIAN ALLOWS SAME. MEANS WILL BE INTERVIEWED BETWEEN 6:00 AND 8:00 PM THIS DATE. THOMAS WILL BE INTERVIEWED WHEN PHYSICALLY ABLE.

SIOUX CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FBI AGENTS, SIOUX CITY, IOWA, FROM APB INFORMATION RELEASED EARLY MORNING OF MAY 5, 1976, APPREHENDED INDIVIDUALS BELIEVED TO BE [REDACTED]

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INDIAN MALE BORN [REDACTED] INDIAN MALE BORN

[REDACTED] INDIAN MALE BORN

[REDACTED] INDIAN MALE BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

INDIAN MALE BORN [REDACTED]

(A JUVENILE).

EYE WITNESSES, MEANS AND THOMAS HAD PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

AS SHOOTERS. WITNESSES ALSO PLACE [REDACTED] IN

FLEEING WHITE VEHICLE WITH [REDACTED] AND OTHERS.

USA, WILLIAM F. CLAYTON, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, ON THE SCENE AT WAGNER, SOUTH DAKOTA, AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT CHARGING

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WITH VIOLATION U.S. CODE

TITLE 18 SECTION 1153, CIR - ATTEMPTED MURDER. THE OTHER THREE, INCLUDING THE JUVENILE, WERE CHARGED WITH THE SAME VIOLATION,

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ATTEMPTED MURDER - ACCESSORY AFTER THE FACT. BOND RECOMMENDED

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THE JUVENILE, \$5,000. ALL FIVE WILL BE TRANSPORTED BY U.S. MARSHAL TO SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA FOR ARRAIGNMENT AS THE COMPLAINT WAS SIGNED WITHIN 100 MILES OF THE PLACE OF APPREHENSION. ARRAIGNMENT TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 6, 1976.

THE WAGNER INDIAN HOUSING IS TRUST LAND UNDER DOCUMENT #346-7630 ACCORDING TO DON LOUDNER, SUPERINTENDENT, BIA, YANKTON INDIAN RESERVATION. UNDER LEASE AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 30, 1970, 23.4848 ACRES OF THIS TRUST LAND IS LEASED TO THE YANKTON SIOUX TRIBE FOR LOW COST HOUSING. THIS IS THE SAME TRUST LAND WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY ADJUDICATED UNDER THE WAGNER PORK PLANT TRIALS OF 1975.

OMAHA WILL SUBMIT RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION AT SIOUX CITY TO ASAC, RAPID CITY AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE.

INVESTIGATION TO DATE HAS FAILED TO ESTABLISH MOTIVE FOR INCIDENT BETWEEN SUBJECTS AND VICTIMS. HOWEVER, DISPUTE POSSIBLY CAUSED BY RECENT COMMENTS MADE BY DENNIS BANKS IN PORTLAND, OREGON WHICH MEANS TOOK ISSUE WITH. ALL INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED, KNOWN ACTIVE AIM AND SUBJECTS ALLEGEDLY MEMBERS OF "EAGLE WARRIOR SOCIETY" OF AIM.

INVESTIGATION WAGNER, S.D., AND SIOUX CITY, IOWA CONTINUING.

SUBJECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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The Attorney General

May 6, 1976

Director, FBI

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~~ROSELLA CHARLES DEANS - VICTIM,  
JOHN W. THOMAS - VICTIM;  
CRIME ON INDIAN RESERVATION -  
ATTEMPTED MURDER; ACCESSORY AFTER THE FACT~~

At approximately 4:45 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, May 5, 1976, victim Russell Charles Means, American Indian Movement (AIM) leader, and victim John W. Thomas, National AIM Public Relations officer, were shot while at the Wagner Indian Housing (Yankton Indian Reservation), Wagner, South Dakota. Means was shot in the chest and Thomas shot numerous times in the face and throat by what appears to be a small caliber weapon. Both underwent surgery at Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, South Dakota, where Means is carried as satisfactory and Thomas as serious, regarding their condition. Subsequent investigation revealed captioned subjects to have been at the scene. Eyewitnesses, Means and Thomas identified [redacted] and [redacted] as doing the actual shooting. An All-Points Bulletin was placed in South Dakota and Iowa which led to the arrest of all five subjects at Sioux City, Iowa, by Sioux City Police Officers and FBI Agents. Subject [redacted] was the remaining Bureau fugitive in Crime on Indian Reservation - Assault with a Deadly Weapon case, as a result of the takeover of the pork plant, Yankton Reservation, at Wagner, South Dakota, March 17, 1975. As a result of our investigation, subjects [redacted] and [redacted] have been charged with Crime on Indian Reservation - Attempted murder. Subjects [redacted]

Assoc. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (juvenile),  
Dep. AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dep. AD Inv. \_\_\_\_\_ have also been charged with same violation and with accessory  
Asst. Dir.: \_\_\_\_\_ after the fact. After interviews, subjects will be trans-  
Admin. \_\_\_\_\_ ported to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for hearings before the  
Comp. Syst. \_\_\_\_\_  
Ext. Affairs \_\_\_\_\_ U. S. Magistrate on May 6, 1976.  
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Ident. \_\_\_\_\_ All of the subjects are believed to be members of  
Inspection \_\_\_\_\_ the Eagle Warriors Society which is the very militant faction  
Intell. \_\_\_\_\_ of AIM comprised of younger Indian males, generally ranging  
Laboratory \_\_\_\_\_ in age from 16 to 22. Investigation to date has revealed  
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The Attorney General

that this dispute occurred during an AIM meeting where all subjects and victims were in attendance. The dispute appears to be factionalism within the AIM membership and does not indicate interference by any outside group or non-AIM members. As a result of the apprehensions and investigation, a .30 caliber carbine and a .38 caliber revolver were recovered with the suspects at Sioux City. A .22 caliber pistol, believed to be the weapon used in the assault, was recovered in a pawn shop at Vermillion, South Dakota. This investigation falls within FBI jurisdiction in the Indian country.

Our investigation is continuing and you will be kept advised on a timely basis.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General,  
Criminal Division

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1/11/71

APPROVED: <i>[Signature]</i>	Comp. Syst. ....	Laboratory .....
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Transmit attached by Facsimile - PLAINTEXT

MAY 05 1976

Priority Urgent

TELETYPE

To: Cedar Rapids RA and Rapid City RA  
Attention ASAC - Rapid City

From: Director, FBI

Date: 5/5/76

Time: Transmitted -

Initials

Subject:

UNSUB; RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS-VICTIM;  
JOHN THOMAS-VICTIM; CIR - ASSAULT

☐ Fingerprint Photo☐ Fingerprint Record☐ Map☐ Newspaper clipping☐ Photograph☐ Artists Conception☐ Other

2 page memo

Special handling instructions: When received in Cedar Rapids RA  
hand carry to ASAC Norman A. Zigrossi. Re Butelcal  
5/5/76 to ASAC - For information.

MAY 11 1976

Approved: *[Signature]*

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2- ENCLOSURE

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CR- 900 via OM  
RC- SMID 1  
CR- PF 10

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>OMAHA</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MINNEAPOLIS</b>	DATE <b>5/11/76</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>5/5/76</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>[REDACTED]</b>		REPORT MADE BY SA <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>new</b>
CHARACTER OF CASE			
1. CIR-ADW; JDA		b6	
2. CIR-ADW; BURGLARY		b7C	

**RUSSELL MEANS/- VICTIM;**  
**JOHN W. THOMAS/- VICTIM**  
**CIR-ADW; JDA**

OO: RAPID CITY (MINNEAPOLIS)

**[REDACTED]** - FUGITIVE;  
**ET AL**  
**CIR-ADW; BURGLARY**  
**OO: RAPID CITY (MINNEAPOLIS)**

REFERENCES: Omaha nitel to Bureau, 5/5/76; **del 7**  
 Rapid City teletypes to Bureau, 5/5/76 and 5/6/76. **del 3** **del 10**

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED <input type="checkbox"/> NONE						ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:  PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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APPROVED <b>EJK/WEL</b>						SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
COPIES MADE: <b>4 - Bureau (cc-T (5078))</b> <b>(2 - 70-MEANS SHOOTING)</b> <b>(2 - 70-65273)</b> <b>5 - Rapid City</b> <b>(2 - 70-11609)</b> <b>(2 - 70-9926)</b> <b>(1 - USA, Sioux Falls, South Dakota)</b> <b>2 - Omaha (70-1928)</b>						DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW <b>CH 43</b> <b>70-68145-5</b> <b>21 MAY 14 1976</b> <b>EX-116</b> <b>REC-11</b> <b>REC-11</b>	
Dissemination Record of Attached Report						Noted	
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LEAD

OMAHA

AT SIOUX CITY, IOWA

Will obtain Sioux City Police Department investigative report concerning this matter.

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NR001 RC PLAIN

MAY 06 1976

12:20PM URGENT MAY 6, 1976 SMD

TELETYPE

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

MINNEAPOLIS

OMAHA

PORTLAND

FROM: ASAC, RAPID CITY (70-11609)

"CHANGED";

RUSSELL MEANS - VICTIM; JOHN W. THOMAS-

VICTIM; CIR - ADW; OO: RAPID CITY (MINNEAPOLIS).

TITLE CHANGED TO ADD THE NAME OF

WHICH WAS DETERMINED TO BE TRUE NAME OF SUBJECT ARRESTED THROUGH  
FURTHER INTERVIEWS AND INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI AT SIOUX CITY,  
IOWA.

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70-68145-6

COMPLAINTS FILED AND WARRANTS ISSUED AT PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA,

AGAINST [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ON MAY 5, 1976, CHARGING ASSAULT WITH

INTENT TO KILL, TITLE 18, U.S. CODE, SECTION 1153 AND 113(A).

ON THE SAME DATE, COMPLAINTS FILED AND WARRANTS ISSUED AGAINST

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] CHARGING ACCESSORY AFTER THE FACT REGARDING

ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL IN VIOLATION TITLE 18, U.S. CODE,

SECTION 3. USA'S OFFICE, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, FILED AN

INFORMATION CHARGING [REDACTED], A JUVENILE, ALSO WITH ACCESSORY

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AFTER THE FACT, TITLE 18, U.S. CODE, SECTION 3. SUBJECTS  
ALL TRANSPORTED FROM SIOUX CITY, IOWA, BY U.S. MARSHALS  
SERVICE TO SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND WILL APPEAR BEFORE  
U.S. MAGISTRATE THIS DATE.

INTERVIEW WITH VICTIM MEANS CONDUCTED AND TELETYPE FORTH-  
COMING CONCERNING SAME.

NCIC CLEARED CONCERNING

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RE RAPID CITY FILE 70-9926, BUFILE 70-65273.

END.

CCS FBIHQ

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NR005 RC PLAIN

MAY 06 1976

TELETYPE

S:45PM NITEL MAY 6, 1976 DCM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

MINNEAPOLIS

OMAHA

FROM: ASAC, RAPID CITY (70-11609)

AKA; RUSSELL MEANS - VICTIM;

JOHN W. THOMAS - VICTIM; CIP - ADW; JDA; OO: RAPID CITY  
(MINNEAPOLIS).

RE RAPID CITY TELETYPE TO BUREAU, PORTLAND, OMAHA AND  
MINNEAPOLIS DATED MAY 6, 1976.

INVESTIGATION REGARDING THIS MATTER DEVELOPED THE OBTAIN-  
ING FROM SERVICE STATION IN VERMILLION, SOUTH DAKOTA, ON MAY 5,  
1976, ONE HI-STANDARD SENTINEL DELUXE NINE SHOT .22 CALIBER  
WEAPON, SERIAL NUMBER [REDACTED] (WEAPON POSSIBLY USED IN SHOOTING).  
THE FOLLOWING THREE WEAPONS WERE RECOVERED AT SIOUX CITY, IOWA,  
AT THE TIME OF ARREST OF SUBJECTS:

INA .38 CALIBER, FIVE SHOT REVOLVER, SERIAL NUMBER

[REDACTED] NATIONAL ORDINANCE, .30 CALIBER CARPINE RIFLE, SERIAL  
NUMBER [REDACTED] ITHICA LEVER ACTION .22 CALIBER RIFLE, SERIAL  
NUMBER [REDACTED]

THE ABOVE FOUR WEAPONS SEARCHED THROUGH NCIC WITHOUT

OBTAINING ANY HIT.

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BUREAU AGENTS ON MAY 5, 1976, INTERVIEWED RUSSELL MEANS AND JOHN THOMAS IN THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT, SACRED HEART HOSPITAL, YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA. MEANS SAID HE WAS STAYING AT THE RESIDENCE OF RELATIVE IN WAGNER, SOUTH DAKOTA. DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS OF MAY 5, 1976, HE AND JOHN THOMAS, ALONG WITH ABOUT TWELVE OTHER PERSONS, WERE IN A NEARBY HOUSE. WEAPONS WERE BEING PASSED AMONG ALL OF THE INDIVIDUALS AND BEING INSPECTED AND SHORTLY AFTER THIS HE AND THOMAS DECIDED TO LEAVE THE HOUSE. FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON, ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS GOT MAD AND [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] PUT GUNS ON HE AND THOMAS ORDERING THEM OUT OF THE HOUSE AT GUNPOINT. BOTH WERE MADE TO SIT IN THE STREET IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE WHEREUPON [REDACTED] HOLDING A .22 CALIBER RIFLE, BOLT ACTION, SHOT HIM ONCE. [REDACTED] WAS HOLDING TWO COCKED HANDGUNS AND SHOT THOMAS. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] THEN FLED THE AREA. MEANS ADVISED NO ONE ELSE WAS PRESENT DURING THE TIME OF THE SHOOTING. MEANS ADVISED NONE OF THE WEAPONS BELONGED TO EITHER HE OR THOMAS AND NO PERSONAL PROPERTY WAS TAKEN FROM THEM. MEANS

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WHEN QUESTIONED CONCERNING WHAT CAUSED THE INCIDENT INDICATED POSSIBLE THEFT AND THEN SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW.

IN INTERVIEW WITH THOMAS, QUESTIONS WERE DIRECTED TO HIM IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT BASED ON HIS FACIAL WOUNDS HE WAS UNABLE TO TALK VERY COHERENTLY OR EXTENSIVELY. THOMAS IN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS STATED HE AND MEANS WERE LED OUT OF A HOUSE AT WAGNER, SOUTH DAKOTA, AT GUNPOINT DURING THE VERY EARLY MORNING HOURS OF MAY 5, 1976. HE WAS NOT PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] BUT COULD IDENTIFY BOTH HIS ASSAILANT AND THE MEANS ASSAILANT IN COURT. HE SAID HE WAS SHOT BY THE MAN WHO HAD A RIFLE WHILE HE WAS LYING DOWN IN THE STREET. THOMAS SAID HE WAS NOT CERTAIN AS TO WHICH INDIVIDUAL OR WHICH TYPE OF WEAPON WAS USED TO SHOOT RUSSELL MEANS. HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHO THE OWNER OF THE WEAPONS WAS AND SAW NO ONE ELSE IN THE AREA AT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTING.

BOTH INTERVIEWS WERE CONCLUDED PRIOR TO EXTENSIVE QUESTIONING IN VIEW OF THE EXTENSIVE PAIN AND DROWSINESS DUE TO SEDATIVES OF BOTH VICTIMS.

ON MAY 6, 1976, INITIAL HEARINGS FOR SUBJECTS HELD BEFORE U.S. MAGISTRATE DAVID V. VROOMAN, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA.

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PRELIMINARY HEARING SCHEDULED FOR ALL SUBJECTS ON MAY 11, 1976.

BOND SET FOR [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AT \$15,000 AT TEN PERCENT,  
FOR [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AT \$25,000 AT TEN PERCENT. BOND

REDUCTION HEARINGS SET AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, MAY 6, 1976.

BOND FOR [REDACTED] (JUVENILE) SET AT \$5,000, TEN PERCENT.

CASE WAS CONTINUED TO U.S. DISTRICT COURT WHERE IT WAS  
INDICATED PROSECUTIVE ACTION WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN THIRTY  
DAYS.

END.

~~SLR-FBIHQ~~

~~TU-AND-CLR~~

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May 7, 1976  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Attached Rapid City teletype pertains to the ongoing Crime on Indian Reservation - Assault With Deadly Weapon investigation in which American Indian Movement leaders Russell Means and John Thomas were shot and five subjects subsequently arrested.

In a limited interview, Means stated he, Thomas, and about 12 other persons were in a Wagner, South Dakota, residence inspecting weapons in the early morning hours of 5/5/76. He and Thomas were ordered from the house for unknown reasons, or possible theft, by subjects [redacted] and [redacted] shot Means once with .22 caliber bolt action rifle. [redacted] holding two cocked handguns, shot Thomas. No personal property was taken.

Thomas, in a directed interview due to facial injuries, responded to the fact he and Means were led from the Wagner residence at gun point in the early hours of 5/5/76. He was shot while on the ground by the man with the rifle and was not sure of how and who shot Means. Thomas was not acquainted with subjects but can identify same. Victims denied ownership of weapons and saw no witnesses in the area. Possible shooting weapon, a Hi-Standard Sentinel Deluxe 9-shot .22 caliber, was recovered from service station 5/5/76, in Vermillion, South Dakota. Two rifles and one revolver recovered at time of subjects' arrest. National Crime Information Center negative on all four weapons.

Initial hearing for subjects held 5/6/76, at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Bond set for [redacted] and [redacted] at \$25,000 each, bond for subjects [redacted] and [redacted] at \$15,000 and \$5,000 for [redacted] a juvenile. All bonds at 10%. Bond reduction hearing to be held and preliminary hearing scheduled for all subjects on 5/11/76.

1 - Mr. [redacted]  
1 - Mr. [redacted]  
1 - Mr. [redacted]  
1 - Mr. [redacted]

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1 - Mr. [redacted]

JLW:erg

APPROVED:

Assoc. Dir. [redacted]

Dep. AD Adm. [redacted]

Dep. AD Inv. [redacted]

Asst. Dir.:

Admin. [redacted]

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Plan. & Eval. [redacted]

Rec. Mgmt. [redacted]

Spec. Inv. [redacted]

Training [redacted]

May 5, 1976  
3:30 PM

Mr. Kelley:

Re earlier teletype concerning shooting of Russell Charles Means and John Thomas, six suspects have been taken into custody by local authorities, one of whom has been named by Means as individual who shot him. All involved are AIM supporters. No particular tensions developed on Reservation, although demonstration occurred this morning at the hospital by individuals urging law enforcement pigs to stay out of this and let them handle their own matters. FBI has jurisdiction and investigation being conducted to develop case for presentment to U.S. Attorney who is on the scene.

J. B. Adams

JBA:gms

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FBI

Date: 5/18/76

Transmit the following in PLAIN (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Precedence)

*Handwritten:* 5/18/76

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
Attention: FBI Laboratory, Latent Fingerprint Section

FROM: ASAC, RAPID CITY (70-11609) (P)

SUBJECT: [Redacted]  
[Redacted]

*Handwritten:* PGM 7924 NM OF

aka;

RUSSELL MEANS - VICTIM;  
JOHN W. THOMAS - VICTIM  
CIR - ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL; JDA

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*Handwritten:* 11-9813

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Re Rapid City report captioned as above of SA [Redacted] dated 5/10/76.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are the following items submitted for examination:

1. One projectile taken from clothes of RUSSELL MEANS Dr. [Redacted] Wagner, South Dakota;
2. One projectile taken from impounded Pontiac Tempest 5/5/76;
3. One projectile obtained from Dr. [Redacted] taken out of JOHN W. THOMAS;
4. One .22 caliber High Standard revolver, Serial Number [Redacted]

- 4 - Bureau  
(1 - FBI Laboratory)  
(1 - Package copy)
- 2 - Rapid City  
[Redacted] arw
- (6)

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*Handwritten:* 70 68145-8

NO EVID. REC'D IN LAB FILE

3 MAY 26 1976

*Handwritten:* SEARCHED, SERIALIZED, INDEXED, FILED

Approved: *[Signature]* Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

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*Vertical stamp:* Copy and Specimens retained in Lab for Lab Action and Report

*Vertical stamp:* Index Lab Files

5. One .38 caliber, INA, five-shot revolver,  
Serial Number

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6. One .30 caliber National Ordinance carbine,  
Serial Number

7. One .22 caliber Ithica lever action rifle,  
Serial Number

8. One expended .22 long rifle cartridge taken  
from rifle listed above;

9. One bloody shirt obtained from FRED ZEPHIER;

10. One envelope containing latent fingerprints  
obtained from Sioux City Police Department who lifted prints  
from .30 caliber carbine listed above.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to do latent  
fingerprint examination on items 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

FBI Laboratory is also requested to identify as  
much as possible projectiles listed as 1, 2 and 3.

The Laboratory is further requested to compare  
rifling markings on projectiles with weapons submitted,  
noting that Item 8 was taken from chamber of weapon listed  
as Item 7. Latent fingerprints lifted from Item 6 by  
Sioux City, Iowa, Police Department, should be identified  
if possible and blood type determined from Item 9.

Further, Laboratory is requested to do ballistics  
examination on all weapons submitted and do comparison of  
results with submitted exemplars in RESMURS Rapid City File  
Number 70-10239.

All items submitted for examination should be returned  
at the conclusion of this examination.

RECORDED      FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DKC  
5/26/76

Laboratory Work Sheet

LATENT

To: ASAC, RAPID CITY (70-11609)

FBI FILE NO. 70-68145-8

LAB. NO. [REDACTED]

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Re: [REDACTED]

YOUR NO. [REDACTED]

aka;

Ex [REDACTED]

RUSSELL MEANS - VICTIM;  
JOHN W. THOMAS - VICTIM  
CIR - ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL; JDA

Examination requested by: Rapid City

Reference: Let 5/18/76

Examination requested: Firearms - Chemical Analyses - fingerprint

Specimens received: 5/22/76 rm

- Q1 Bullet from clothes of RUSSELL MEANS (1)  
*metal*
- Q2 Bullet fragment from impounded Pontiac (2)
- Q3 Metal fragment from JOHN W. THOMAS (3)
- Q4 Cartridge case from K4 (8)
- Q5 T-shirt from FRED ZEPHIER (9)
- K1 .22 caliber High Standard revolver, Serial Number [REDACTED] (4)
- K2 .38 Special caliber INA revolver, Serial Number [REDACTED] (5)
- K3 .30 Carbine caliber *NATIONAL ORDONANCE CARBINE,* ~~U.S. Rifle~~, Serial Number [REDACTED] (6)
- K4 .22 Caliber Ithaca rifle, Serial Number [REDACTED] (7)

ALSO SUBMITTED:

Four latent lifts (10)

Q5 TO GI 6-1-76 Ref'd 6-10-76

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Q1 Bullet (1)

marked

Caliber - .22 Long Rifle  
Mfg  $\approx$  R-P, Standard Velocity  
wt. 38.0 grains

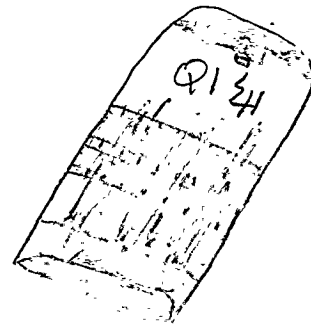
GRC's 6R

LIMP .06 very light marks

GIMP .055

not off matching w/ R4 for ident (w/ st. l.)  
nothing found to indicate fired by K1.

NC 4/15/4



Lead, no blood or  
tissue adhering

Q2 Metal fragment from unpounded Pentac (2)

Caliber - unable to determine

Mfg  $\approx$  " " "

wt. 31.6 grains

GRC's }  
LIMP } none visible  
GIMP }



← Q2 24 on back

Lead, non-magnetic

no remaining bullet  
characteristics

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Q3 Metal fragment from John W. Thomas (3)

CALIBER - unable to determine

Mfg  $\cong$  " " "

wt. 6.0 grains

GRC'S  
L IMP  
G IMP } none visible



LEAD, non-magnetic  
BLOOD AND tissue adhering

no remaining bullet  
characteristics

Q4 Cartridge Case from K4 (8)

marked.

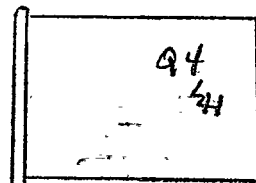
mark of undetermined origin



← Lead splatter or smudge

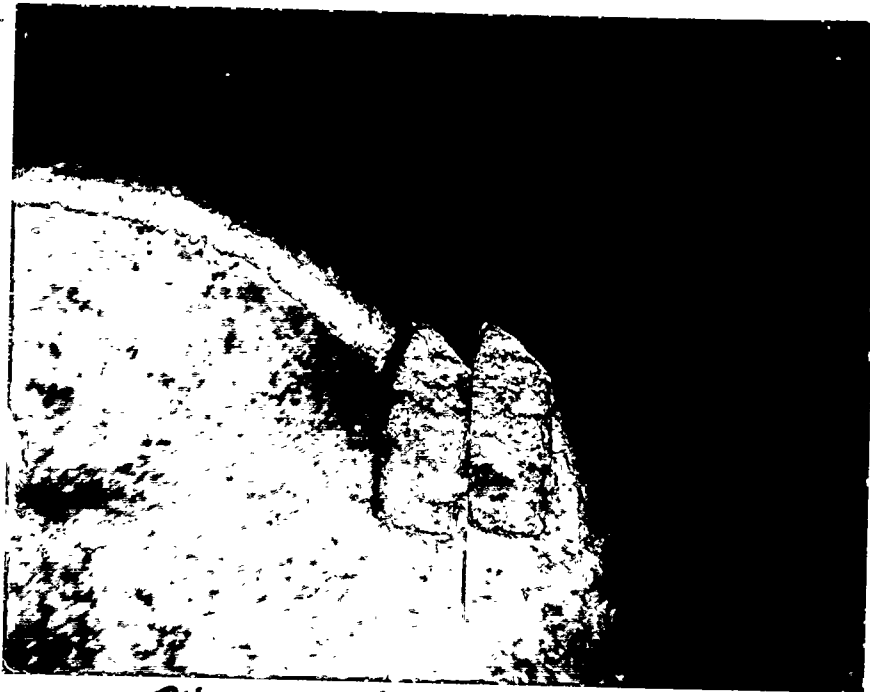
↑ firing pin impression

Long or  
CALIBER .22 Long Rifle  
Brass case



Q4 ident K4



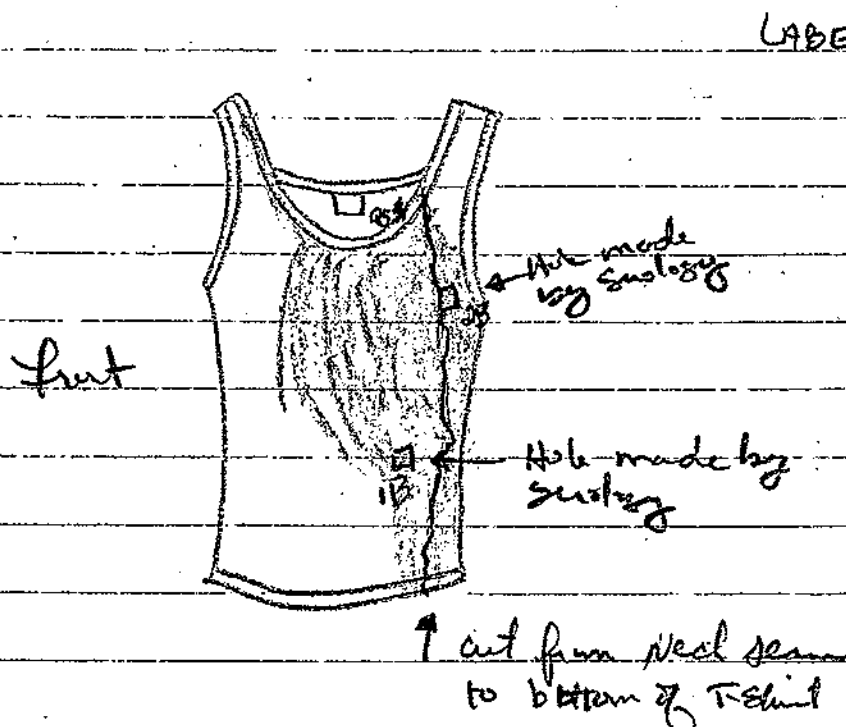


Q4

(21x)

K4

# Q5 Undershirt from Fred Zephier (9)



LABEL

Large

42-44

50% Kodel Polyester

50% Combed Cotton

Care instructions on reverse side

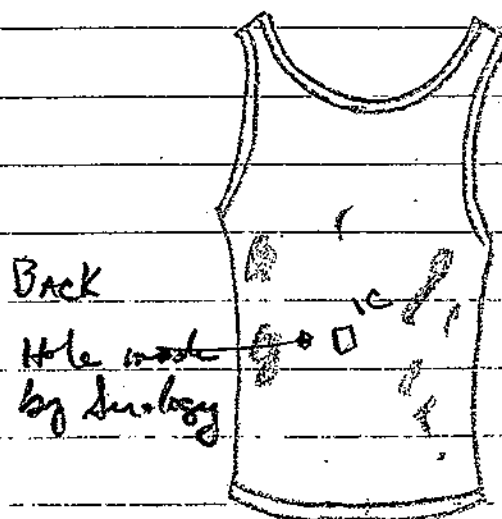
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TUMBLE DRY

MADE IN USA.

RN 14600

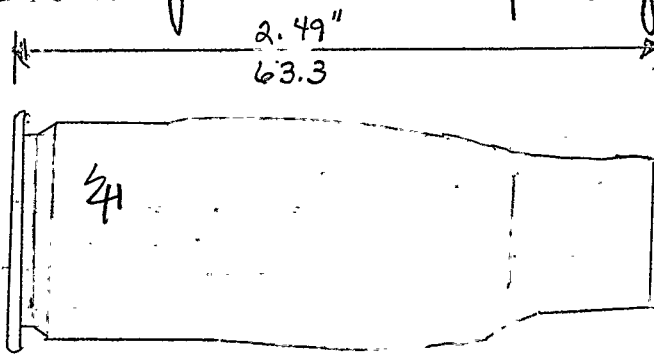
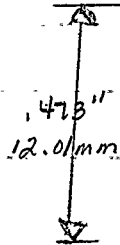
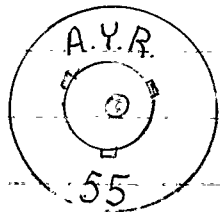
Blood adhering to T-shirt



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Cartridge case from K3 in place of oiler



Case smash

CALIBER .30-06

Brass case AND primer


Mfg  $\cong$  Norway

Late style marking used by  
Roufos Ammunitions-fabriker  
on .30-'06 ammunition made in  
1955

marked  $\frac{41}{4}$

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K1 .22 caliber  
High Standard Mfg. Corp.  
Revolver  
Serial Number   
Model Sentinel Deluxe  
BBL. 6"  
Nine Cartridge capacity  
GRCS 6R  
L IMP .055  
G IMP .06

marked K1 91  
trigger guard

NCIC - NO RECORD  
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FSLC

LEAD residues

DF- POSITIVE

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K2 .38 special caliber marked trigger guard  
F.N.A. [IND. NAC. DE ARMAS BRASIL]

Revolver

Serial Number



NCIC - No Record

Model -

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BA" 5"

FIVE

Cartridge Capacity

bbt loaded

GRC 15

safety for operation

4 IMP

6 IMP

NCIC

6-14-76

NO Record

5R .09/.12

FSLC, LEAD residues

DI - POSITIVE

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K3

.30 CARBINE CALIBER

marked trigger guard

~~U.S. CARBINE~~ (Commercial national Ordnance, Inc.)

K3 4

Serial Number

ON RECEIVER, SO. EL MONTE, CAL. (Left side)

ON RECEIVER, NAT'L. ORD. INC. (REAR)

No magazine

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HEX Head screw in bbl band, not original

Ctg case used in place of oiler to secured

Slings (drawn separate page)

BBL 9/8"

GRC's

LIMP

GIMP

NCIC No Record 6-14-76

extractor missing

front state band not properly in place

safety operation

FSIC, residues  
PI-Positive

76-68145

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K4  
(mkd)

.22 caliber  
ITHACA Rifle

M 49 R

Serial #



Safety operative  
hammer stays locked

Picture were used as sling. until trigger depressed  
Two stops used as sling swivel

Stock crack at butt were stop hammer in  
marked on receiver K4 & H

BBL 20"

GRC's 6R L IMP .05 G IMP .06

NEIC - No Record 6-14-76

Lead residues, flake - badly loaded, test results  
gunpowder changing greatly w/ each shot

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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5/26/76

Laboratory Work Sheet

LATENT

To: ASAC, RAPID CITY (70-11609)

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

YOUR NO.

Re:

aka;

Exam

RUSSELL MEANS - VICTIM;  
JOHN W. THOMAS - VICTIM  
CIR - ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL; JDA

Examination requested by: Rapid City

Reference: Let 5/18/76

Examination requested: Firearms - Chemical Analyses - Fingerprint

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Specimens received: 5/22/76 rm

- Q1 Bullet from clothes of RUSSEL MEANS (1)
- Q2 Bullet fragment from impounded Pontiac (2)
- Q3 Metal fragment from JOHN W. THOMAS (3)
- Q4 Cartridge case from K4 (8)
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- K1 .22 caliber High Standard revolver, Serial Number [redacted] (4)
- K2 .38 Special caliber INA revolver, Serial Number [redacted] (5)
- K3 .30 Carbine caliber U. S. Rifle, Serial Number [redacted] (6)
- K4 .22 Caliber Ithica rifle, Serial Number [redacted] (7)

ALSO SUBMITTED:

Dict:  
Group "O" Number found was identified  
on Q5.  
Four latent lifts (10)



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## Conclusion

ASAC, Rapid City

Date \_\_\_\_\_

34 June 1976

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DOJ/FBI

DATE 10<sup>th</sup> June 1976 b6  
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CASE #

Tube Elution  
**BLOOD GROUPING**

DATE 10<sup>th</sup> June 1976

SPECIMEN	SERUM	CELLS	STAIN	CONTROL	"H" GROUP	REMARKS
SERUM CONTROL	B	A				b6 b7C
	A	B				
KNOWN O	B	A	-		+	
	A	B	-			
KNOWN A	B	A	-		-	
	A	B	-			
KNOWN B	B	A	-		-	
	A	B	+			
KNOWN AB	B	A	+		-	
	A	B	+			
Known Aa	B	A	+		+	
	A	B	-			
1-1 WC	B	A	-	-	+	hemo
	A	B	-	-		
1-2 SW	B	A	-		+	
	A	B	-			
	B	A				
	A	B				
	B	A				
	A	B				
	B	A				
	A	B				
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	A	B				
	B	A				
	A	B				
	B	A				
	A	B				

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>RAPID CITY</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>RAPID CITY</b>	DATE <b>5/10/76</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>5/5 - 5/10/76</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>CHANGED</b>		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY <b>arw</b>
[REDACTED] aka; 76		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CIR - ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL; JDA</b>	
<b>RUSSELL MEANS - VICTIM; 19</b> <b>JOHN W. THOMAS - VICTIM 21</b>			

Title changed to reflect crime with which subjects charged.

REFERENCES

Rapid City teletype dated 5/5/76 captioned "Unsubs;  
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS - Victim; JOHN THOMAS - Victim;  
CIR - Assault;"

Rapid City teletype dated 5/5/76 captioned "Changed:

[REDACTED]  
RUSSELL MEANS - Victim; JOHN W. THOMAS - Victim;  
CIR - ADW";

Rapid City teletype dated 5/6/76 captioned "Changed:

[REDACTED] aka;  
[REDACTED] RUSSELL MEANS - Victim;  
JOHN W. THOMAS - Victim; CIR - ADW; JDA.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	PRETRIAL DIVERSION	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			
								PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
								PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

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SPECIAL AGENT  
IN CHARGE

COPIES MADE:

- 1cc Syn - T (5078)
- 2 - Bureau
  - 1 - USA, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
  - 1 - ASO, BIA, Fort Thompson, South Dakota
  - 2 - Minneapolis
  - 2 - Rapid City (70-11609)

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30 MAY 1976	EX-11 REC-85
[REDACTED]	

Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency	1cc REP - DEPT	[REDACTED]
Request Recd.		
Date Fwd.	6/7/76	
How Fwd.	0-6	
By	JCG/ANA	112

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LEADS

MINNEAPOLIS

AT YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA

[redacted] Will attempt to locate and interview [redacted]  
concerning incident at Wagner and his attendance  
at party on 5/5/76.

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RAPID CITY

AT PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA

Will conduct logical investigation.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



## REPORT

of the

## IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 70-11609

June 15, 1976

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO.

TO: ASAC, Rapid City

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RE:

ET AL.;  
 RUSSELL MEANS - VICTIM  
 JOHN W. THOMAS - VICTIM  
 CIR - ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL; JDA

REFERENCE: Airtel 5-18-76

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Rapid City

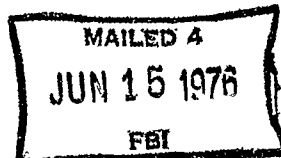
SPECIMENS: K1, .22 caliber revolver  
 K2, .38 caliber revolver  
 K3, .30 caliber Carbine  
 K4, .22 caliber rifle  
 Four lifts  
 Q4, cartridge case

No latent prints of value present or developed  
 on the specimens.

The description and disposition of all  
 specimens are being made subjects of a separate  
 Laboratory report.

Assoc. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dep. AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dep. AD Inv. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Asst. Dir.:  
 Admin. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Comp. Syst. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ext. Affairs \_\_\_\_\_  
 Files & Com. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gen. Inv. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ident. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inspection \_\_\_\_\_  
 Intell. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Laboratory \_\_\_\_\_  
 Legal Coun. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plan. & Eval. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spec. Inv. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Training \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Rm. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Director Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

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Clarence M. Kelley, Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

LATENT

Recorded 5-28-76

3:15 p.m. bjg

Received 5-28-76

To: ASAC, RAPID CITY (70-11609)

FBI FILE NO. 10

LAB. NO.

YOUR NO.

Re:

[REDACTED] ET AL.;  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

aka;

Examination by [REDACTED]

RUSSELL MEANS - VICTIM;  
JOHN W. THOMAS - VICTIM  
CIR - ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL; JDA

Examination requested by: Rapid City

Reference: AIRTEL 5/18/76

Examination requested: Firearms - Chemical Analyses - Fingerprint

Specimens received: 5/22/76 rm

Noted by:

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- ✓✓ K4 .22 Caliber Ithica rifle, Serial Number [REDACTED] (7)

✓✓ ALSO SUBMITTED:

Four latent lifts (10)

Examination completed 4:00 PM 6/10/76 Dictated 6/11/76  
Time Date Date

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no lats appear on K1-K4, & Q4

no lat pnts value on lysts

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Q4, K1-K4 placed gr. pow. no lats val. dec,

Appear ret'd to Lab. for dips.



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5/18/76

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5a - NM  
4b - OI  
LFPS

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
Attention: FBI Laboratory, Latent Fingerprint Section

FROM: ASAC, RAPID CITY (79-11609) (P)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

RUSSELL MEANS - VICTIM;  
JOHN W. THOMAS - VICTIM  
CIR - ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL; JDA

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Re Rapid City report captioned as above of SA [REDACTED]  
dated 5/10/76.

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are the following items submitted for examination:

1. One projectile taken from clothes of RUSSELL MEANS by Dr. [REDACTED] Wagner, South Dakota;
2. One projectile taken from impounded Pontiac Tempest on 5/5/76;
3. One projectile obtained from Dr. [REDACTED] taken out of JOHN W. THOMAS;
4. One .22 caliber High Standard revolver, Serial Number [REDACTED]

4 - Bureau  
(1 - FBI Laboratory)  
(1 - Package copy)  
2 - Rapid City  
[REDACTED] arw

5/18/76

ansd 6-15-76  
100L, dlc

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

INSTRUCTIONS - Reverse side

# Memorandum

73811

TO : Director, FBI  
Attn: Special Investigative Division

DATE: 6/29/76

FROM : SAC MINNEAPOLIS (70-9926)

SUBJECT:

**- FUGITIVE:**

**RUSSELL MEANS - VICTIM; JOHN W. THOMAS - VICTIM  
CIR-BURGLARY; ADW  
OO: MINNEAPOLIS**

- ☒ Initial Submission  
☐ Supplements FD-65 dated \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Photograph not needed

Indicate following:

- ☐ Extremist (Black)  
☐ Extremist (White)  
☐ Rev. Act.  
☐ Other Security background  
☒ None of these

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Caution	MKE	Name	NAM	Sex	SEX	Race	RAC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				M		I	
Place of Birth	POB	Birth Date	DOB	Height	HGT	Weight	WGT
Wagner, South Dakota				5'6"		132	
Eye Color	EYE	Hair Color	HAI	FBI No.	SKN		
Brown		Black			Dark		
Scars, Marks, Tattoos, etc.					SMT		
NCIC Fingerprint Classification				MNU	Social Security #		SOC
Operator's License Number	OLN	Operator's License State		OL	Expire		
Offense Charged	OFF	Burglary-ADW					
U. S. Code, Title and Section		Title 18, Section 1153					
Warrant Issued By		on	6/28/76	DOW	F. O. File #		OCA
Date PBV or Bond Default Case Referred to Office					70-9926		
Miscellaneous Including Bond Recommended			MIS	Fingerprint Classification (Henry System)			
ARMED AND DANGEROUS. HAS USED FIREARM IN SHOOTING. \$25,000 cash or surety bond.				D			
LICENSE PLATE AND VEHICLE INFORMATION							
License Plate Number	LIC	State	LIS	Year Expires	LIY	License Plate Type	LIT
Vehicle Identification #	VIN	Year	VYR	Make	VMA	Model	VMO
Style	VST	Color	VCO				
Aliases				Additional Identifiers			
				ST 106	REC-73	70-68145-1	
				CH 43	MCT-14	23 JUL 6 1976	

NIC

① - Bureau  
② - Minneapolis  
JOH:kae  
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FUGITIVE

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Caution (MKE)** - Insert "C" in block if caution statement indicated. Basis for caution statement must appear in Miscellaneous block, e.g. armed and dangerous.
2. **Name (NAM)** - Place name in this block. Aliases are not to be entered in this block but are to be placed in Aliases block.
3. **Sex (SEX)** - Sex will be designated by one letter, M (male) or F (female).
4. **Race (RAC)** - Race will be described by one letter, W (white), N (Negro), I (Indian), C (Chinese), J (Japanese), O (all other). Mexicans who are not definitely Indian or other nonwhite should be described as "W".
5. **Place of Birth (POB)** - Indicate city and state or, if foreign born, city and country. Where multiple birthplaces are reported, list verified birthplace or that which appears most logical in this block.
6. **Birth Date (DOB)** - Enter as month, day and year. Where multiple birth dates are reported, enter verified birth date or that which appears most logical in this block. Place other dates of birth in Additional Identifiers block.
7. **Height (HGT)** - Express in feet and inches, e.g., 6' 0". Round off fractions to nearest inch.
8. **Weight (WGT)** - Express in pounds. Omit fractions.
9. **Eye Color (EYE)** - Use appropriate three character symbol.
10. **Hair Color (HAIR)** - Use appropriate three character symbol.
11. **Skin Tone (SKN)** - Use appropriate three character symbol.
12. **Scars, Marks, Tattoos, etc. (SMT)** - Place in this block only appropriate NCIC coding for scars, marks, tattoos, birthmarks, deformities, missing body parts and artificial body parts as defined in NCIC Operating Manual. If more than one SMT is to be entered, use Additional Identifiers block for additional appropriately coded items. Use Miscellaneous block to describe all scars, marks, tattoos, etc. which are not defined in the NCIC Operating Manual and to more fully describe SMT's which have been entered in SMT block. For example, an appendectomy scar, not being readily visible, would be described in the Miscellaneous block. A tattoo on right arm, shown as TAT R ARM in block, might be further described in Miscellaneous block as a rose tattoo on inside of lower right arm.
13. **NCIC Fingerprint Classification (FPC)** - Enter NCIC fingerprint classification.
14. **Other Identifying Number (MNU)** - Miscellaneous numbers may be entered with appropriate identifiers (prefixes) as shown below. For first miscellaneous identifying number, use MNU block. When military service number is in fact Social Security Account Number, the number should be entered in both MNU and SOC blocks. Additional identifying numbers are placed in Additional Identifiers block. The identifier (prefix) should precede the number and be separated from the number by use of a hyphen.
  - AF - Air Force Serial Number
  - AR - Alien Registration Number
  - AS - Army Serial Number, National Guard Serial Number or Air National Guard Serial Number (regardless of State)
  - CG - U. S. Coast Guard Serial Number
  - MD - Mariner's Document or Identification Number
  - MC - Marine Corps Serial Number
  - MP - Royal Canadian Mounted Police Identification Number
  - NS - Navy Serial Number
  - PP - Passport Number
  - PS - Port Security Card Number
  - SS - Selective Service Number
  - VA - Veterans Administration Claim Number
15. **Fingerprint classification (Henry System)** - The Henry System fingerprint classification is to be placed in this block, when available. Do not enter in NCIC.
16. **Social Security Number (SOC)** - Place subject's Social Security Account Number in this block.
17. **Operator's License Number** - Place subject's operator's license number in OLN block. Also show licensing state (OLS) and year license expires (OLY).
18. **Warrant Issued By-On- (DOW)** - In Escaped Federal Prisoner cases enter date of escape in DOW block.
19. **Miscellaneous (MIS)** - Enter additional pertinent information in this block. If caution statement used, basis for statement must be set forth as first item in this block.
20. **License Plate and Vehicle Information** - Place information concerning license plate and/or vehicle known to be in the possession of subject in appropriate blocks under License Plate and Vehicle Information heading.
21. **Additional Identifiers** - Enter information concerning additional license plates (number, state, year expires, and where applicable, type); Social Security Numbers; operator's license number, state and year expires; vehicle information (VIN, VYR, VMA, VMO, VST, VCO); MNU's (see list in item 13 above); visible scars, marks, tattoos, etc.; and dates of birth. Clearly identify what data is being set forth; e.g. Social Security # 423-56-3294; Michigan operator's license 234567, expires 1972; DOB's 4/5/32, 5/3/32; etc.
22. Changes and deletions should be so indicated in the appropriate blocks.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>RAPID CITY</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>RAPID CITY (MINNEAPOLIS)</b>	DATE <b>7/21/76</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>5/5/76 - 7/13/76</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>[REDACTED] - FUGITIVE.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>arw</b>
<b>[REDACTED]</b>		<b>[REDACTED]</b>	
<b>RUSSELL MEANS - VICTIM</b> <b>JOHN W. THOMAS - VICTIM</b>		<b>aka; CIR - ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL; JDA</b> <b>8-2-76</b>	

## REFERENCES:

Rapid City report of SA **[REDACTED]** 5/10/76; FBI Laboratory, Latent Fingerprint Section report 6/15/76; Portland letter to Rapid City 6/21/76; Minneapolis teletype captioned **[REDACTED]** - Fugitive; EFP; EM - AIM" dated 6/21/76; Minneapolis teletype captioned **[REDACTED]** - Fugitive; EFP; EM - AIM" dated 6/20/76; Minneapolis teletype captioned as above 6/29/76; Minneapolis teletype to Kansas City captioned **[REDACTED]** - Fugitive; Et Al.; CIR - ADW; Burglary" dated 6/30/76; Kansas City teletype to Rapid City captioned **[REDACTED]** - Fugitive; Et Al., CIR - ADW; Burglary 7/2/76.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

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SPECIAL AGENT  
IN CHARGE

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- 1cc Spn - T(6078)  
 ② - Bureau (70-68145)  
 1 - USA, Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
 1 - ASO, BIA, Fort Thompson, South Dakota  
 3 - Rapid City (70-11609)  
 (1 - 70-9926)

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## Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency			
Request Recd.			
Date Fwd.			
How Fwd.			

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: ASAC, Rapid City (70-11609)

July 13, 1976

From: Director, FBI

FBI FILE NO. 76-68145

Re: [redacted]

LAB. NO. [redacted]

aka;

RUSSELL REANS - VICTIM;  
JOHN W. THOMAS - VICTIM;  
CIR - ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL; JDA

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Examination requested by: Rapid City

Reference: Letter 5/18/76

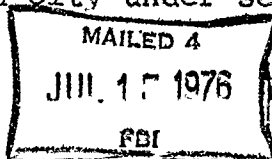
Examination requested: Firearms - Chemical Analyses - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You are being separately advised of the results of the requested fingerprint examinations.

No intercomparisons between test bullets and cartridge cases from these submitted weapons with evidence recovered in Resmurs could be conducted as all Resmurs items are in Cedar Rapids, Iowa for trial period.

These submitted items are being returned to Rapid City under separate cover by registered mail.



Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

EEH/vah (4)

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PAGE (S) INFORMATION IN  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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5/26/76

Laboratory Work Sheet

LATENT

To: ASAC, RAPID CITY (70-11609)

FBI FILE NO.

70-68145 **B**

LAB. NO.

YOUR NO.

Re:

aka;

Examination b

RUSSELL MEANS - VICTIM;  
JOHN W. THOMAS - VICTIM  
CIR - ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL; JDA

Examination requested by: Rapid City

Reference: Let 5/18/76

Examination requested: Firearms - Chemical Analyses - Fingerprint

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- K3 .30 Carbine caliber <sup>national Ordinance carbine,</sup> ~~U.S. Rifle~~, Serial Number [redacted]
- K4 <sup>thaca</sup> .22 Caliber ~~thaca~~ rifle, Serial Number [redacted] (7)

ALSO SUBMITTED:

Four latent lifts (10)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

INSTRUCTIONS - Reverse side

TO : Director, FBI  
Att: Special Investigative Division

DATE: 8/9/76

FROM : SAC, RAPID CITY (70-11609)

SUBJECT

FUGITIVE;

UG 27 1976

aka;

RUSSELL MEANS - VICTIM

JOHN W. THOMAS - VICTIM; CIR-ADW; JDA

- ☐ Initial Submission  
☒ Supplements FD-65 dated 6/29/76  
☐ Photograph not needed (70-9926)

Indicate following:

- ☐ Extremist (Black)  
☐ Extremist (White)  
☐ Rev. Act.  
☐ Other Security background  
☒ None of these

Caution	MKE	Name	NAM	Sex	SEX	Race	RAC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				M		Ind.	
Place of Birth	POB	Birth Date	DOB	Height	HGT	Weight	WGT
Wagner, South Dakota				5'6"		132	
Eye Color	EYE	Hair Color	HAI	FBI No.	FBI	Skin Tone	SKN
Brown		Black					
Scars, Marks, Tattoos, etc.	Fugitive Index #						
NCIC Fingerprint	Other Identifying Numbers or Fugitive Card						
Operator's License Number	OLN	Operator's License State	OLS	Year Expire	OLE		
Offense Charged		Assault with Intent to Kill Charge					
U. S. Code, Title and Section		18 USC Sections 1153 and 113 (a)					
Warrant Issued By		U.S. Clerk of Court, Sioux Falls, SD		7/30/76	DOW	F.O. File #	OCA
Date PBV or Bond Default Case Referred to Office						70-11609	
Miscellaneous Including Bond Recommended		ARMED AND DANGEROUS \$50,000 cash or surety.					
		MIS Fingerprint Classification (Henry System)					
LICENSE PLATE AND VEHICLE INFORMATION							
License Plate Number	LIC	State	LIS	Year Expires	LIY	License Plate Type	LIT
Vehicle Identification #	VIN	Year	VYR	Make	VMA	Model	VMO
Aliases				Style	VST	Color	VCO
Additional Identifiers				Supplemental entry on additional indictment. Not identical to offenses charged in 70-9926.			

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REC-76  
FUG SUP.  
FBI Post. Room 11751

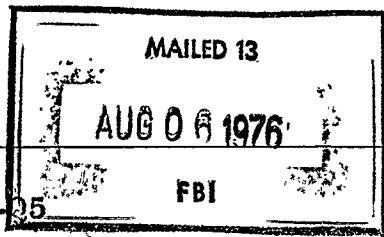
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: **July 13, 1976**

Re:

TO: **ASAC, Rapid City (70-11609)**

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K1-K4

ALSO SUBMITTED

Invoice of Contents

**RUSSELL MEANS - VICTIM;  
JOHN W. THOMAS - VICTIM;  
CIR - ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL; JDA**

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- ☐ Crypt.-Trans.
- ☐ Document
- ☒ P & C
- ☐ Radio Engineering
- ☐ LFPS

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**7/13/76**

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10/6/76

To: SAC, Minneapolis (70-9926)

From: Director, FBI (70-68145)

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[redacted] aka [redacted]  
[redacted]

CIR - BURGLARY, ADW, AIK  
OO: Minneapolis

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The FBI Identification Division is in receipt of fingerprints from the State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for captioned subject FBI [redacted] indicating he was fingerprinted on 5/18/76 under [redacted] charged with burglary and grand larceny. His address given as Wagner, South Dakota. Disposition indicates subject sentenced three years.

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NOTE: Info rec'd from Shaffer, ID. Positive ident with  
FBI [redacted]

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*Curtin*  
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FM RAPID CITY (70-11609)

TO DIRECTOR (70-68145) ROUTINE

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ATTN: FBI LABORATORY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ET AL; RUSSELL MEANS - VICTIM; JOHN W. THOMAS  
- VICTIM; C IR-ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL, JDA, UNLAWFUL POSSESSION  
OF A PISTOL BY A FELON, USE OF A FIREARM IN COMMISSION OF A FELONY,  
ADW, ACCESSORY AFTER THE FACT.

USA WILLIAM F. CLAYTON, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, ADVISED  
FEBRUARY 2, 1977, TRIAL IN CAPTIONED MATTER FOR SUBJECTS [REDACTED]  
AND [REDACTED] HAS BEEN CONTINUED UNTIL FEBRUARY 14, 1977, OR APRIL  
4, 1977. USA CLAYTON ADVISED THE REASON FOR CHANGE IN SCHEDULE WAS  
DUE TO RECENT APPREHENSION OF SUBJECT [REDACTED] WHO IS TO BE TRIED AT  
THE SAME TIME AS OTHER SUBJECTS.

LABORATORY EXAMINER PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED TO APPEAR IN SIOUX  
FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR TRIAL, NEED NOT APPEAR UNTIL ADVISED.

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CC: GENERAL INV. DIV.

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TO DIRECTOR (70-68145) ROUTINE

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ATTENTION FBI LABORATORY (LABORATORY NUMBER [REDACTED])

AKA;

RUSSELL MEANS - VICTIM; JOHN W. THOMAS - VICTIM, CIR - ASSAULT  
WITH INTENT TO KILL; JDA; UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF PISTOL BY A  
FELON; USE OF A FIREARM IN COMMISSION OF A FELONY; ADW;  
ACCESSORY AFTER THE FACT, OO: RAPID CITY (MINNEAPOLIS).

ON JANUARY 27, 1977, U.S. ATTORNEY (USA) WILLIAM F. CLAYTON,  
SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, ADVISED THAT TRIAL IN CAPTIONED  
MATTER WAS SET FOR FEBRUARY 7, 1977, AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA.

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USA CLAYTON HAS REQUESTED THE PRESENCE OF LAB EXAMINER WHO  
PROCESSED T-SHIRT RECEIVED FROM FRED ZEPHIER AND DETERMINED  
THAT THE HUMAN BLOOD ON THE T-SHIRT WAS GROUP O.

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*cc: Ben Shaw*

## MEMORANDUM FOR IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

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1-31-77

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City

Springfield, S.D.

Reason and/or by whom

Highway Patrol.

Date

1-28-77

South Dakota State Penitentiary

Action to be taken

Cancel fugitive stops for Index



Gen'l Fug

Add additional aliases



SS

I. O. #



Deserter

Date of Fug Card

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Ident Memo Received



Yes



No



Description

no record.

cr MP tel 1-29-77

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Remarks

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Dugan - / [signature]

March 3, 1977

Mr. [REDACTED]  
South Dakota Division of  
Criminal Investigation  
Post Office Box 1237  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I would like to take this means of expressing the gratitude of the FBI for the able manner in which you and your department assisted the FBI in connection with our investigation of [REDACTED]. Your enthusiastic cooperation contributed immeasurably to the success of this case and the arrest of [REDACTED] and we are indeed indebted to you. I hope you will express our appreciation to all of your associates who were involved.

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Sincerely yours,

Clarence H. Kelley  
Director

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NOTE: Special Investigative Division concurs with the recommendation that this letter be sent.

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TITLE OF CASE <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 80px; width: 300px;"></div> <b>RUSSELL MEANS - VICTIM JOHN W. THOMAS - VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 250px;"></div>	TYPED BY <b>arw</b>
aka;		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CIR - ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL; JDA; UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF PISTOL BY A FELON; USE OF FIREARM IN COMMISSION OF A FELONY; ADW; ACCESSORY AFTER THE FACT</b>	

REFERENCES

Rapid City report of SA  1/24/77;  
 Rapid City report of SA  1/31/77  
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 ET AL.; CIR -  
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 Rapid City teletype to Bureau 2/2/77;  
 Rapid City teletype to Omaha 2/7/77;  
 Omaha airtel to Rapid City 2/18/77.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>CHANGED</b>		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY <b>dlo</b>
[REDACTED] aka; <i>SD</i>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CIR - ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL; JDA; UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF PISTOL BY A FELON; USE OF FIREARM IN COMMISSION OF A FELONY; ADW; ACCESSORY AFTER THE FACT</b>	
[REDACTED] <b>RUSSELL MEANS - VICTIM; JOHN W. THOMAS - VICTIM</b>			

[REDACTED] Title marked changed to delete subjects [REDACTED]  
and [REDACTED]

REFERENCES

Rapid City report of SA [REDACTED] dated  
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Will follow and report sentencing of remaining subjects.

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Delay in reporting due to case Agent's assignment to Project Onslaught, FBIHQ, Washington, D. C.

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